

Acquisition of Vessels by SCI

463. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) proposes to acquire vessels;
- (b) if so, the number of vessels proposed to be acquired by SCI;
- (c) the cost of these vessels;
- (d) the countries from which these vessels are proposed to be acquired; and
- (e) the steps taken by SCI in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. At present, the Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. (SCI) is in the process of acquiring 8 (eight) vessels.

(c) to (e) The cost of 8 vessels which are under construction at various shipyards alongwith the country's name are as under:

- (i) 4 Nos. Aframax Tankers of 10,000 DWT each at a cost of US \$ 35.76 million per vessel from Hyundai Heavy Industries, South Korea.
- (ii) 1 No. LR-II Size Crude Oil Tanker of 93,000 DWT at a cost of US \$ 34.40 million from Cochin Shipyard Limited, Cochin.
- (iii) 3 Nos. Bollard Pull Tugs of 50 T each at a total cost of Rs.8.20 crore US \$ 1.90 million per nig from ABG Shipyard, Mumbai.

The SCI is making all efforts to acquire/place orders for more vessels as per their requirement and in the light of the target fixed for the Ninth Plan.

Sale of wakf land to private party by Andhra Pradesh Wakf Board

464. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Wakf Board has sold 2700 acres of wakf land to a private party for setting up a power plant in Vizag or at any other place in the State;
- (b) if so, what is the total consideration received by the Board for sale of the land;